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Eric Grant represents OBI at state cross country meet

For the sixth time in as many years, **Eric Grant** represented OBI at the state cross country meet in November. Now a senior, Eric has been a state-level runner since the middle school.

This year, Eric qualified for the honor by coming in fourth at the regional race. He said being the only OBI student at state "pushed me to do well." Eric's time averages put him in the top 75 high school runners in Kentucky.

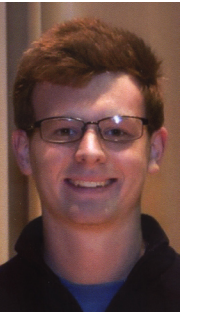
Eric began running in the seventh grade. "That year, I miraculously dropped two minutes at regionals and then again at state," he recalled. He said he is somewhat saddened to have run the last cross country race of his high school career, but, "I've had the opportunity to experience lots of new people," he stated.

Eric's father, OBI faculty member **Steve Grant**, coached cross country. "Eric has been a part of the cross country

team for so long and he has done so well, I hate to see him go," he said.

This year Eric was in a leadership position on a team that was, on the whole, much younger than he was. "I had a 'minion' army," he joked. "We had lots of new people with a strong desire to run. I'm proud of them." He has high hopes for the future of OBI cross country. "If they stick with it, this year's team will end up being very good," Eric predicted.

Mr. Grant agreed, saying, "The elementary students that I had on the team this year worked very hard and did very well. If they continue to run, we have the beginning of a good cross country team for the future." □



Happy holidays at OBI



(top) Our National Honor Society sponsored a float in the Manchester Christmas parade. (bottom) Students decorated the chapel for the holiday.

(top) Music students serenaded us with carols in the annual Christmas music program in chapel. (bottom) Our ag department performed their 15th annual "Walk to Bethlehem" for the community, our staff, and students. The "Walk" always includes a live nativity scene, complete with our farm animals.

Take the 360 challenge!

We are asking alumni and friends to support OBI for the next year for \$30 a month -- for a total of \$360. If 360 new givers take the challenge, they will raise a total of \$129,600 in a year! Individual donations provide about 60% of our funding. More donors will strengthen our "financial backbone."

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Ten attend All-Festival Chorus



Southeastern Kentucky Music Association. The students auditioned for the chorus, a regional event held annually, and then learned the music in practice sessions led by Cochran.

Cochran explained, "I took 10 to the audition because we had that many who I believed were capable of being in an honor choir. They all made it in."

Senior **Jamark Cox** attended All-Festival Chorus for the first time. "The choir was really big," he stated. "It sounded nice. It was cool how so many people came together as one."

Three of our girls were in the women's chorus, and we had two sopranos, one tenor, and four basses in the mixed chorus. The All-Festival Chorus experience included rehearsing college-level music for three days before singing in a con-

A record number of OBI students participated in the 2015 All-Festival Chorus in November. Oneida Choral director, **Tim Cochran**, took 10 young people to London, Kentucky for the annual event, sponsored by the

cert. Our students joined 280 vocalists from 20 different schools.

Freshman Seth Smith said being in All-Festival Chorus "was really fun. It was a great experience, a great opportunity. It really brought me more into the music world." Seth said he plans on staying in choir throughout his high school career.

The Women's Chorus was conducted by **Dr. David Etter** from the University of the Cumberlands and the Mixed Chorus by **Dr. Zachary Marshall** of Eastern Kentucky University. □

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The Learning Center A new twist on an older idea

It started as "Special Help." Then it became the "Tutoring Lab." Now our remedial education program is called "The Learning Center" ("TLC") Assistant Upper School Principal, **Brian Baker**, explained, "This will better clarify what we do, for we do tutor, but we also have classes called Reading Plus, Math Recovery, English Transition, and Integrated Math."



Reading Plus began in January 2015. It is taught by **Amy Nelson**, who describes herself as "really more of a facilitator." She recalled, "Reading Plus started on a trial basis, and we saw a lot of gains in reading and vocabulary." Nelson's classes generally have eight or nine students, who may be anywhere from a first-grade rank to a college freshman level. The web-based, computer-guided program can accommodate all 13 grades.

While the application was designed for students who have trouble understanding reading concepts, it can also be used as an enrichment tool. Nelson stated, "It can assist students who are at the right grade level to advance to a higher level, and can also help them get ready for the ACT."

Nelson also teaches Transitional English, a non-traditional course that may include students in all four years of high school. "It's more about practical life skills English than college prep," she said.

Dawn Lawson's focus is math; she teaches Math Recovery for middle schoolers. Math Recovery, Transitional English, and Integrated Math were new classes offered in the 2015-16 school year. In Math Recovery, Lawson also works with teenagers at different grade levels. She stated that her classes "fill in the holes, help with their weaknesses." For instance, one child may have trouble with fractions, while another's problem area might be multiplication or division. "I've even had some who can't add or subtract," she said. Math Recovery utilizes computer software and old-fashioned problems on paper. These stu-

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Box Tops thanks!



To all who clipped box tops and prepared them for mailing, a big thank you! We received a \$12,444 check from Box Tops for Education! This represents the box tops we have submitted since July, 2015. Want a great New Year's resolution? Send in your box tops! For more information: <http://www.box-tops4education.com/>

Bits and tidbits

Our mission statement

The mission of Oneida Baptist Institute is to provide a Christian living, learning and working environment in which each of its students, Christian or non-Christian, is diligently challenged to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in order to acquire an *Education for Time and Eternity*.

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Do you know of a teenager who could benefit from the ministry we provide? Tell the family about OBI.

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dents all take regular math classes in addition to Math Recovery.

By contrast, Integrated Math is the only math course a young person will take in a given quarter. Teacher **Sharon Grant** said, "It's for kids who struggle with algebra concepts, and it's a little bit of everything -- algebra, pre-algebra, and geometry." She likes to do "lots of hands-on stuff," and frequently leads her pupils in projects to reinforce what they are learning. For example, when they discussed measuring, the classes made food dishes using no-cook recipes -- "and then they had to eat them," Grant said. She recalled, "One girl put in 1/4 cup of salt instead of 1/4 teaspoon." Lessons such as this drive home the points Grant makes in what she describes as "real life math."

Ben Johnson (pictured) has been receiving help from the Tutoring Lab/TLC for five years. He studies under Grant's supervision two periods a day. He credits the program with "helping me grow up, mature, and take on responsibility."

Jonathan Sink has also been in the tutoring program for several years. "It's helped me stay on the honor roll," he stated. "And I can get my extra homework done."

Martha Harmon ministers in a style like that of the former Tutoring Lab. She works with high school teens, tutoring them in their problem areas. Her classes are small -- up to four students each hour. Harmon's tutoring gives pupils practical help with their mainstream courses. "The teachers assign the work, and I stay in communication with the teachers," she explained. "I may give them extra work for practice."

Marlana Mullenix is the fifth member of the TLC team, assisting Miss Harmon, helping in the kindergarten class, and doing academic testing. Baker said, "Parents, teachers, students -- anyone can ask for an assessment." □



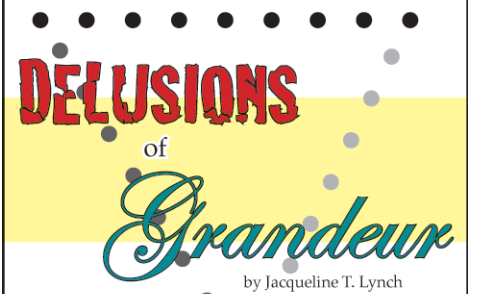
You didn't get a Carnahan brick?

If you would still like a brick from the old Carnahan Hall, send \$20 to OBI c/o John Monday, development office. Price includes shipping. Questions? john.monday@oneidaschool.org or 606-847-4111, ext. 291.

A queen and her court



On November 14 **Olivia Nelson** (front center) was crowned 2015-16 Oneida Yearbook Queen. Her court: **Fre Benz**, **Autumn Dunzweiler** (Miss Congeniality), **Ashley Booher**, **Maria Stamatis** (first runner-up) and **Chinosa Ibe** (second runner-up). A panel of judges from the community scored contestants in individual resume, interview, talent competition, appropriateness of evening gown, and the contestants' final question.



April 7, 8 & 9

7:00 PM in the OBI Chapel

All are invited, admission is free!



November was "International Emphasis Month." Our international students shared information about their countries in chapel services. On Sunday evenings, we were treated to food prepared by international student groups.



Be watching for Athletic Hall of Fame criteria & nomination form in the March/April "Oneida Mountaineer."